

Feminist Theory, WMST 6010

Building: Benson Building Room 105

Time: Monday, 1:25 – 4:25 pm

Office hours: Monday noon to 1:15 pm (Benson), Thursday 2 to 3:15 pm (243 Gilbert) and by appt

Instructor: Doris Kadish; dkadish@uga.edu; www.uga.edu/slavery

Texts: Wendy Kolmar and Frances Bartkowi, *Feminist Theory, A Reader*

Other texts on online reserve at library site; password: betty (as in Betty Friedan)

Goals of the Course:

Acquiring the foundations of feminist theory; understanding the history of feminism; gaining familiarity with basic theoretical issues and debates; improving effectiveness in academic discussion and writing

Class Activities:

Lecture; discussion of historical and theoretical subjects; presentations by students; films.

Student will be assigned to present and lead the discussion for several readings.

Class Policies:

Students are expected to read assigned readings before class and to actively participate in class discussion. Class

discussion can be supplemented by postings on the WebCT Bulletin Board.

Participation will count for 15% of the final grade.

Students are required to write weekly response papers of one to two pages in which they engage critically with one of the assigned readings for each class. (Not required for first or last classes). The response papers will count for 30% of the final grade.

There will be a short paper (5-8 pages) that will count for 25% of the final grade. There will also be a final paper on a subject related to the student's research which will count for 30% of the final grade. Guidelines for the papers will be provided.

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

All students are responsible for maintaining the highest standards of honesty and integrity in every phase of their academic work in this class. The penalties for academic dishonesty are severe and ignorance is not an acceptable defense. More information is at the following URL: http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academic_honesty/academic_honesty.htm.

Plus/minus system:

100-94 A 4.0

93-90 A- 3.7

89-86 B+ 3.3

85-83 B 3.0

82-80 B- 2.7

79-76 C+ 2.3

75-73 C 2.0

72-70 C- 1.7

69-60 D 1.0

< 60 F 0

August 21

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Reading Feminist Theory (2-42)**
- 3. Delmar, Lugones; hooks (27-41)**
- 4. Lexicon (42-60)**

August 28

- 1. Wollstonecraft, (64-68); for entire text of Vindication of Rights of Women, see <http://www.bartleby.com/144/>**
- 2. Grimke, Stanton, Taylor, Truth, Anthony, Cooper, Gilman, Goldman (64-80, 91-94, 102-114, 120-124)**

September 11

- 1. Beauvoir (175-186); Read Conclusion to Second Sex: <http://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/ethics/de-beauvoir/2nd-sex/index.htm>**
- 2. Horney (154-156); Chodorow (322-324); Chodorow, "Heterosexuality as a Compromise Position"(online reserve)**

September 18

- 1. Friedan [complete version of Chapter 1 <http://www.h-net.org/~hst203/documents/friedan1.html>**
- 2. NOW Statement of Purpose, Bitch Manifesto, Millett, Redstockings Manifesto, Weathers, Firestone, Koedt, Murray, Radical Lesbians (211-242)**

September 25

- 1. Ortner (243-251)**
- 2. Cixous, The Laugh of the Medusa (online reserve)**
- 3. Irigaray (317-322)**

NOTE: First paper is due September 25

October 2

- 1. Rubin (273-288)**
- 2. Delphy (292-296), Hartmann (356-365)**

October 9

- 1. Mulvey, Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema (online reserve)**
- 2. Bunch (252-256),**

October 16:

Frye, Lorde, Wittig, Rich (332-356)

October 23

- 1. Yamada (365-368), Mernissi (268-273)**
- 2. NietoGomez (302-303), Anzaldúa (420-426), Alcarón (488-496)**

October 30

- 1. Davis, Collins, hooks, Combashee, Crenshaw (311-317, 464-469, 504-515)**

November 6

- 1. Mohanty (372-379)**
- 2. Crenshaw (533-542)**

November 13

- 1. Scott, Fuss (446-463), Alcoff (426-436)**

November 20

- 1. Butler, Gender Trouble (496-505); “Critically Queer” (online reserve)**
- 2. MacKinnon (475-488); “Sexuality, Pornography, and Method” (online reserve)**

November 27

- 1. Baumgardner and Richards, Third Wave Manifesta (568-569); Astrid Henry, “Daughterhood is Powerful: The Emergence of Feminism’s Third Wave” (online reserve)**
- 2. Halberstam (550-561), Garland-Thomson (575-586)**

December 4:

Presentation of final papers